

# Proclamation



## CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### Nuclear Ban Day September 26, 2023

- WHEREAS,** the City of Northampton has a long history of supporting the mitigation and abolition of nuclear weapons. In the 1980s, Northampton was among the first nationally to push for the establishment of a Nuclear-Free Zone; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2005, the City of Northampton joined the *Mayors for Peace* initiative, originating from the Mayor of Hiroshima, seeking a ban on the use of nuclear weapons; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2017, over 122 member countries of the United Nations adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and it was entered into force on January 22, 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations had declared September 26<sup>th</sup> as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons; and
- WHEREAS,** on December 7, 2017, the Northampton City Council adopted R-17.425, *A Resolution Calling for the United States to "Pull Back from the Brink" and Prevent Nuclear War* seeking U.S. support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by our federal leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, then-Mayor Narkewicz issued an Executive Policy Order requiring the City of Northampton to reduce and eventually eliminate any and all ties to the nuclear weapons industry and to observe September 26<sup>th</sup> as Nuclear Ban Day to demonstrate our city's strong support for the international effort to eliminate nuclear weapons.
- NOW  
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra proclaim September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as

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and encourage the residents of our community to be aware of and work towards these important efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and have imprinted the seal of the City on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



  
Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra